



2016

Butte Area One

Small Restoration Project

SUBMITTAL FORM

The Butte Natural Resource Damage Restoration Council (BNRC) is soliciting proposals for small projects that would improve Butte-area natural resources or related natural resource based recreational services. This solicitation is being conducted pursuant to the *December 2012 Butte Area One Final Restoration Plan*, and an amendment to that Plan approved by the Governor on July 8, 2014 that is specific to the funding process for small projects. Copies of the Plan and amendment, as well as additional information to assist small project applicants, are available under the BNRC heading at: <https://dojmt.gov/lands/butte-natural-resource-council/>

A small project would be eligible for up to \$100,000 in Butte Area One restoration funds. Matching funds from other sources are strongly encouraged. Total project costs can be greater than \$100,000 if a sponsor contributes matching funds to cover costs in excess of the ceiling limit. It is not appropriate to divide a large project into two or more small projects valued less than \$100,000. Restoration funds are paid out on a “reimbursement” basis after the work has been finished and all invoices have been paid.

Types of projects that will be considered include: mine waste removal, mine waste area improvements, revegetation, stream restoration, municipal water system improvements, storm water, education or research projects that are specific to and can benefit restoration of Butte area natural resources, or recreation projects that will provide or enhance public hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, or hiking opportunities.

Individuals/entities submitting proposals should provide a scope of work, schedule, and budget for the project, covering all the information outlined below. **Proposals must be postmarked or received by Tuesday November 15, 2016.** Completed forms can be mailed or delivered to: Montana Natural Resource Damage Program, 65 East Broadway, Butte, Montana 59701.

Prior to preparing this form, **the BNRC strongly encourages applicants** to attend the **Small Project Workshops** set for **Wednesday October 19th** at 6:00pm in the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives at 17 West Quartz Street and for **Thursday October 27** at 6:00pm in the Ballroom of the Thornton Building at 65 East Broadway and/or contact Pat Cunneen (info on page 2). Applicants should provide the following information:

A. Contact Information: provide your name, phone number, email address and street address.

B. Project Summary and Map: provide a brief summary of the proposed project and a map indicating its location. A project does not have to be within the boundaries of the Butte Area One site to be eligible for consideration, but it must provide benefits to Butte area natural resources.

C. Project Goals and Objectives: indicate the goals of this project or the problems you intend to solve through implementation of this project. Specify the project objectives you plan to

accomplish in order to achieve the goals. As an example, below are goals/objectives from the “Revegetative Enhancement” project at the reclaimed Mandan Park site on North Wyoming Street that was approved as a 2014 Small Project:

The primary goals of the Revegetative Enhancement at Mandan Park project are to use native aspen trees and native flowering plants on this reclaimed mine site to further control erosion over the long term and give greater species diversity to the grass plantings in the park.

The project objectives pursued under this project include:

1. Restoration of the native landscape that existed before mining in Butte.
2. Provide refuge for browsing animals that move through the corridor.
3. Establish a prototype of how other mine covers could be further vegetated at less than 10% of the cost of other planting schemes on the Butte Hill.
4. Provide better storm water retention and less runoff than the present cover.

D. Project Benefits: describe the benefits your project will have to Butte area natural resources and/or the public’s use and enjoyment of these resources.

E. Project Implementation: describe in chronological order the individual tasks or activities necessary to accomplish the work under each objective. Identify the project phases, staff, contracted services, and needed regulatory permits or approval. Note: Individuals or entities proposing a project would not necessarily be the ones to implement the project. The State, Butte-Silver Bow, or some other entity may implement an approved small project. The BNRC/NRDP may propose modifications to the proposed project implementation in order to achieve greater cost-effectiveness.

F. Project Schedule: provide a time schedule for the project tasks and deliverables. The format of the schedule may be either a list of activities, table or flow chart.

G. Monitoring Activities: indicate the monitoring activities related to measuring project effectiveness.

H. Project Budget: provide the project cost estimate and a detailed budget summary table. Cost estimates should include estimated personnel rates, estimated hours per task, and estimated cost of materials and other direct costs, such as contracted services (e.g. consultant and construction services, laboratory testing), supplies and materials, communications, and travel. For contracted services, list each specific service to be performed and the wage rate associated with it. Construction cost estimates should include a contingency in the 10% range to cover unexpected expenses. Identify other funding sources, funding status (committed or uncommitted) and match contribution. Matching funds are strongly encouraged but not required.

Need help? Monday afternoons from October 17th to November 14th will be reserved to provide assistance to those folks interested in submitting a small project proposal. Contact Pat Cunneen of the Butte NRDP Office at 533-6882 or pcunneen@mt.gov or stop by the office at 65 East Broadway (5th Floor) for more information.